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Chair, National Council of Chief Medical Officers

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Dr. Vincent Anthony Berkley began his career with the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in 1983. His initial assignment was with the IHS Schurz Service Unit in Schurz, Nevada, as the Clinical Director. Dr. Berkley is a member of the Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and holds the rank of Captain.

In December 2004, Dr. Berkley assumed the responsibilities as Representative to the IHS National Council of Chief Medical Officers (NCCMO). In addition to his responsibilities of advocating for the concerns and issues of the IHS Chief Medical Officers, he is a member of the IHS Director's Executive Council, which is a decision-making body for the Agency on broad issues of policy, programs, and public health advocacy. The Director's Executive Council is composed of senior leadership from Headquarters, Area Offices, and the four IHS National Professional Councils.

Selected in 2002 as the Phoenix Area IHS Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Berkley is responsible for the supervision and direction for the clinical needs of the American Indian and Alaska Native population for the States of Arizona, Nevada and Utah. Since February 2004, Dr. Berkley has been the Acting Deputy Director for the Phoenix Area. As such, he is responsible for the day-to-day direction of the Chief Executive Officers of the nine service units that comprise the Phoenix Area Indian Health Service. Dr. Berkley also continues an active clinical practice for the care of patients with chronic renal disease and those patients who have received renal transplants.

Dr. Berkley received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed an internship and residency in Internal Medicine at the Baltimore Public Health Service Hospital and a 3-year Nephrology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinical Foundation. Dr. Berkley also earned a masters of business administration degree from the University of Phoenix. Professional affiliations include the American Osteopathic Association, the National Medical Association, the Association of American Indian Physicians, and the Association of Military Surgeons.

Dr. Berkley has received many awards and commendations since he began working for the IHS. In January 1998, Dr. Berkley was selected by the IHS Clinical Directors as the Physician Leader of the Year. He has also received the Exceptional Capability Promotion to the rank of Captain (06) and was presented with the Hazardous Duty Ribbon for aircraft trips to care for patients throughout the States of Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. He also earned the Outstanding Service Medal for sustained exemplary performance. He has received the Unit Commendation for work related to national meetings of the Commissioned Officers Association of the U.S. Public Health Service and has received a Commendation Medal for outstanding performance.